STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

| | Order entered: | 10/20/2011 |
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| Program |) | |
| Price for Baseload Renewable Power under SPEED |) | |
| Investigation into the Establishment of a Standard-Offer |) | |
| Docket No. 7782 | | |

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM AND NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

I. Introduction

On September 23, 2011, the Hearing Officers convened a prehearing conference in this proceeding. The following appearances were entered.

John Beling, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department");

Morris Silver, Esq., for Central Vermont Public Service Corporation;

Harriet King, Esq., King & King, and John Spencer, for Vermont Electric Power Producers, Inc.;

Andrew Raubvogel, Esq., Dunkiel Saunders Elliott Raubvogel & Hand, PLLC, for

Ryegate Associates ("Ryegate")

Gabrielle Stebbins for Renewable Energy Vermont;

David Mullett, Esq., for the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority;

Christopher Cole, for Green Mountain Power;

Randall Pratt, for Vermont Electric Cooperative; and

Jonathan Aldrich, for International Business Machines.

II. SCHEDULE

The primary topic of discussion was the schedule for this proceeding. The statutory deadline for a Board decision is November 1, 2012. However, for operational reasons (including

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planning for wood delivery), Ryegate has requested that the Board issue an order by the end of May 2012. Ryegate, therefore, proposed a schedule based upon that target date, to which all parties agree. We adopted that schedule (which is set out below) with minor adjustments.

| October 27, 2011 | Deadline for Intervention. Distribution utilities and the SPEED Facilitator do not need to intervene, but may file only notices of appearance. |
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| November 1 | Workshop to Identify Issues and Exchange Information |
| December 15 | Parties File Settlement or Direct Testimony/Position Statements |
| December 15 through January 1, 2012 | Discovery (7 calendar-day response) |
| February 15, 2012 | Rebuttal Testimony |
| February 15 through March 15, 2012 | Discovery on Rebuttal Testimony (7 calendar-day response) |
| Week of March 26, 2012 | Technical Hearings with live surrebuttal |

The briefing schedule will be established at the technical hearings. So Ordered.

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

You are hereby notified that a Workshop has been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 9:30 A.M., at the Public Service Board Hearing Room, Third Floor, People's United Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, for the purpose of identifying issues and exchanging information.

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| Da | ated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 20° | day of October | , 2011. |
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| Attest: | s/Judith C. Whitney | | |
| | Deputy Clerk of the Board | | |

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